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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 3 and 4, and substitute therefor, the following claims 5 and 6:

5. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the volume of the antechamber (1) at the opening of the shut-off means (2) is at least twice as great as the volume which is downstream of the shut-off means (2) and which includes the mold cavity (3).

6. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the volume of the antechamber (1) is kept constant during the injection operation so that the total pressure in the mold cavity (3) is produced by expansion of the plastic material which initially fills only the antechamber (1).